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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 14552

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REPORTED FRENCH SALE OF ANTITANK MISSILES
TO CHINA

1. IN CONTEXT OF PRESS REPORTING ON CURRENT
CHINES VICE PREMIER KU MU'S VISIT TO FRANCE, ARTICLE
IN LE MONDE OF MAY 5 SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH HAD DENIED
PRESS REPORTS EMANATING FROM HONG KONG THAT THEY HAD
ALREADY AGREED TO SELL ANTITANK MISSILES TO CHINA. LE
MONDE, EVIDENTLY BASING ITS STORY ON BACKGROUND INFOR-
MATION PROVIDED BY FRENCH SOURCES, REPORTED THAT
DISCUSSIONS OF A POSSIBLE SALE OF "HOT" OR "MILAN"
MISSILES HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH THE CHINES, BUT NO
AGREEMENT HAS YET BEE REACHED. (COMMENT: THIS TENDS
TO CONFIRM EARLER REPORTS--SEE PARIS 04008--
THAT THE FREHCH WERE DISCUSSING A SALE OF ANTITANK
MISSILES WITH THE CHINES). LE MONDE ARTICLE FURTHER
STATED THAT THE CHINESE HAVE "GIVEN THE IMPRESSION"
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THAT A SALE OF ANTITANK MISSILES (EITHER "HOT" OR
"MILAN") IS LINKED TO A SALE OF TRANSALL TRANSPORT
AIRCRAFT.

2. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE STATUS OF
ANTITANK MISSILE SALE WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS. KU MU
VISIT ITSELF WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE REPORTING.

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